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MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2025

TSA Songwriter Salute Awards finalists

Finalists have been announced for TSA (Tamworth Songwriters Association) Songwriter Salute Awards to be presented during the upcoming country music festival in Country Music Capital.

They are...

For Alt Ballad Alt Rock

Did We Quit Too Soon? by Tina Pettaras
Livin' A Country Song by Jaxson Renshaw & Brendon Warmsley
Start Again by Pat Kenny & Kelsey Berrington
Storytellers by Bruce Mackay & Anthony Snape
Wildflowers by Ian Burns & Lyn Bowtell

Country Rock

Collide by Shanleigh Carey
Make My Way by Amber Kenny & Lyn Bowtell
That Old Life by Catherine Lehnen, Michael Lehnen & Lachlan Bryan
Pink Is My Colour by Coral Renee
Up On The Row by Pat Kenny

Gospel Spiritual

Below An Open Sky by Brendon Walmsley
Broken by Brendon Walmsley, David Carter & Merleyn Carter
The River Is Risin' by Kerrie Gambley
Sitting On Empty by Peter Shurley
Who's That Walking On The Water by Peter Shurley

Local Heroes & Events

Baby Goanna by Paul Ricketts & Lindsay Waddington
Behind The Scenes by Lloyd Back & Lindsay Waddington
If He Could Talk by Wendy Wood
The Horses Stay Behind by Kerrie Gambley
The Boy From Birchip by Matt Scullion

Lyrics Only

Can't Hold Onto Time by Russell Leeming
I'm Coming Home by Mark Rigney, Kelly Dixon & Kevin Pye
This Old Dog of Mine by Kevin Pye
Who'll Sing Australia Now by Brooke Seabrook
Novice

Dusty Hill by Josephine Lemon & Ian Hallett
Goodbye Tula by Craig Wilson & Maria Kelsall
Singer of Renown by Len Conner & Colin Fraser
Still In Love by Guy Italiano
Stockman's Pirouette by Joy Hendon

Youth

Bloody Hands by Ellerie Armstrong & Rose Kearns
I Thought I Had It All Figured Out by Lucy Beveridge
Movie Of Us by Aaliah Skuse, Aaliah Skuse & Regan Farrell
When You Learn To Let Go by Lucy Beveridge
Waiting On The Rain by Jack Gregory



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Traditional

Behind The Scenes by Lloyd Back & Lindsay Waddington
Golden Handcuffs by Matt Scullion
Road To Riverleigh by Brendon Walmsley
Saltbush Sally by Alice Benfer & Sam Hawksley
The Window Seat by Savannah Sharpe & Lyn Bowtell

Country Blues

Everybody Knows Your Name by Lucie Tiger O'Connor
Festival Blues by Peter Campbell
Road Trip by Jeannie Kleynhans
Segregation Blues by Peter Campbell
Viking by Neil McCann & John Littrich

Open

Harvest Moon by Lucie Tiger O'Connor, Mark Narmore & Stephanie C Brown
Love Can Fool You by Ava Bizzanelli & Allan Caswell
Moth To A Flame by Ava Bizzanelli
Skin And Bones by Janine Garvey & Eric Collier
What I Deserved by Beth Compton

Bush Ballad

Australia My Home by Katelann Greal
Chasing Rabbits in Her Sleep by Terry Bennets
Dead Man's Hill by Peter Coad
My Country My Australia by Kathy Carver & Clem O'Dea
Singer Of Renown by Len Conner & Colin Fraser

New Songwriter of the Year

Tamsin Lancaster with Vase
Tina Pettaras with Beautiful Girl
Coral Renee with Masquerade
Paul Ricketts with Barefoot On The Dirt
Crystal Robins with Flowers

The major Country Song of the Year award is determined from all category finalists and will be announced at the end of the Awards show which will be staged at The Pub, Gunnedah Road, West Tamworth, from 7pm on Tuesday January 20.

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